

Statement made to me by Jim Mills in the Church on Monday October 23rd, 1922.

Mills at the church September 14th, 1922, about 4:40 P.M. swept the shavings. A carpenter Edwin White was present. The shavings were all swept up when Mr. Hall came to the church at about 5:55 P.M. Hall left the church at about 6:05 P.M. Mills had a conversation with Hall about the paint for the Sunday School vestibule. Hall said he would telephone for it. Also that the following people had keys to the church:- Mrs. Clark, Mr. Mills, Mrs. Storer, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Hall and probably Gorsaline.

Mills went to the church Friday morning about 7 A.M., opened the windows and did about 5 or 10 minutes work. Mr. Mills and his son Dan home for dinner on September 14th, 1922. Charlotte was in school, and Mrs. Mills said tomorrow is Friday and we will have fish for dinner. After Mills got through sweeping at the church he left at about 6:15 P.M. for his home at # 49 Carmine Street and found the following persons in his home, Charlotte, Dan and his wife Eleanor. Eleanor then asked Jim, "What is keeping you so late; the dinner is cold?" Jim answered, "I can't go away and leave the shavings there and make a second trip." Supper was finished about 6:45 P.M. Mills then started to work on wooden brackets for Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Hall asked Mills to work on the brackets about three weeks before September 14th, 1922. After Mrs. Mills got through washing the dishes she went to the steep, at about 7 P.M. Jim heard his daughter Charlotte say, "I am going to Josephine's," who is her aunt, at 112 Oliver Street. At about 7 P.M. Dan left the house shortly after Charlotte. He went to a family named Mahr on George Street. Jim informs me



that Danny left the Mahr house at 9 P.M., from there going to the home of his Aunt Josephine. At 7 P.M. Mrs. Mills was sitting on the small rocking chair on the stoop, remained there until about 7:25 P.M. From the front stoop she then entered through the back entrance, dressed in brown ties, black stockings, blue with red poker dots skirt, a brown scarf of fleece wool, a dark brown turban velvet hat. Eleanor left through the rear of the house; Jim her husband asked her where are you going. Eleanor said, "I got a telephone call; follow me and find out." Mills said he then started his work on the brackets on the back of the porch. When it got dark he went into the kitchen and worked on the table until about 9:45 P.M. He then stopped working, read the "World" and the "Home News," quit reading about 10:10 P.M., put on his hat and coat, went to the front stoop, stayed there until about 10:30 P.M. Mrs. Kelly on stoop talking to Jim. Then Mrs. Dank came along and spoke to Mrs. Kelly about an automobile accident where a Lawrence Will was hurt. Then Jim left stoop and went over to the corner of Carmine and Abeel Streets and stood there for about 15 minutes smoking. He then walked through Abeel street to the candy store of a Mrs. Blitz, getting there at about 11 P.M. Left the store, along Abeel Street to Commercial Avenue to George Street and then to the Church; arrived there at about 11:10 P.M., closed the windows, put out the lights, locked the door and went home, getting there at about 11:20 P.M. Charlotte and Dan, his children, returned home about 10 P.M. His wife was not home so Jim left the lights burning and the door unlocked. He then went to bed and slept until 2:10 A.M. on Friday morning, woke up and saw the lights still on, put on overalls and slippers, no stockings, and went to the church;



opened door, turned on lights all through the church, saw nothing disturbed, put lights out and went home. Put lights in the house out and left door unlocked. Heard every hour strike from clock in the room. Got up at 6 A.M., made breakfast about 7 A.M., went to school and worked between 7 and 9 A.M., went to church and opened windows on the Sunday School side, came in study to window, unlocked same and saw Mrs. Hall in back of him. She had on a black and white striped skirt. She said to him, "Did you have any sickness down at your house last night?" Jim answered, "No." Mrs. Hall said, "Mr. Hall has not been home all night." Jim said, "My wife has not been home all night." Jim said, "Mrs. Hall, do you think it is an elopement?" Mrs. Hall said, "Oh, no; it must be foul play." Mrs. Hall then left Jim and went as far as the Sunday School door. Then Jim told Mrs. Hall, "You had better call up the police and the hospitals; he might have been in an accident during the night." She said she would. Mrs. Hall then left in her Dodge Sedan car that was parked in front of the gate. He saw Mrs. Hall again about noon-time, met her on Jim's back porch. This would be on a Friday. Mrs. Hall said, "Have you heard anything?" Mills answered, "No, Mrs. Hall, I have not heard a word." Mrs. Hall was there only a few minutes, when she left a little before 5 P.M. Jim and his son Dan went to Collins for ice, brought it home and put it in the ice box. Just then Mrs. Hall came up on the back porch of his home. She asked Jim, "Did you hear anything?" Jim said no he did not. He does not know if Mrs. Hall had a car or not. Stayed there only a few minutes and left. Jim then got his supper ready, stayed in the house until about 7:30 P.M. and went to the



Sunday School. Opened it up, put the lights on and left the school. He then went to Mrs. Hall's house and did not stay long. Jim asked, "Mrs. Hall I do not know what to make of it." Mrs. Hall said, "They must be dead or they would be home." Jim said, "Mrs. Hall, do you think they went to that Coney Island carnival?" She said, "No, no, they would not go to a place like that." Jim left and returned to the church at about 8 P.M., sat on the church steps until the choir rehearsal in the evening and then went home, arriving there at about 10 P.M.

On Saturday morning Jim got up at about 7 A.M., went to school at 8 A.M., worked until 9:30, said he was all broke up and could not do work of any account but worry, worry all the time. Went to Mrs. Hall, waited there a while until about 10 A.M. He said he thought she was downtown. He couldn't remember what was said. Jim asked her if she had heard or found out anything. Mrs. Hall answered, "No." Jim then left and went home. After dinner at about 1 P.M. Jim went to his sister-in-law's house, Mrs. Tenneyson, on Albany Street. Jim said, "Gusta, was Eleanor here?" Gusta said, "No." Jim said to Gusta, "She went out Thursday night and I have not seen her since." Jim left his sister-in-law's house and started home. When he had gone about a half of a block a little girl told him that Mrs. Tenneyson wanted to see him. Jim went back to her house and she said, "I just got word that their bodies were found." Jim said he has never been in De Russey's Lane.

Jim said that on Wednesday night, Sept. 13th, he saw about three or four letters or notes in his wife's scarf. This was after she got in from her trip to Lake Hopatcong, that the paper



appeared to be pad paper and what he called linen lawn, that the scarf was on the clothes rack in the front hall, and that the writing was on one side only. He saw the word "Honey" and "Love". He cannot remember the rest that was written on these letters. He further told me that on Thursday night Sept. 14th, 1922, he went to the Jewish store on Abeel Street to find out who had called his wife on the telephone.